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**CONYERS ON THE SUPREME COURT'S RULING IN *BOOKER* AND *FANFAN*:**  
**"HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR THOUGHTFUL, DELIBERATE REVIEW OF**  
**FEDERAL CRIMINAL SENTENCING POLICIES"**

Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI), Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement in response to the United States Supreme Court's decision in *United States v. Booker*, *United States v. Fanfan*.

"The Supreme Court's ruling today in *Booker* presents Members of Congress with the unique opportunity to examine our federal criminal sentencing policies, including the sentencing guidelines and their overall purpose.

The guidelines were originally enacted to bring about greater fairness and consistency in federal sentencing. Yet, since this time, some have gone to great lengths to undermine this objective through the enactment of sentencing directives and ill-conceived mandatory minimum sentences. In essence, opting for simple solutions in lieu of policies that are smarter and proven to reduce crime.

Fortunately, today's decision presents us with the much needed opportunity to step back and take a careful and deliberate review of these and other past efforts."

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